

# SAULIUS “SONNY” PUZIKAS

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2003- Present

***RUSSIAN COMBAT ACADEMY, INC.*** Sarasota, FL

President and Chief Instructor of Russian Combat Academy. Providing highest level of instruction in all aspects of close quarters combat, as well as specific training for law enforcement, military and private security professionals. Conducting intensive training seminars around the US.

Dec. 2002- Jun. 2003

***PROGRESSIVE COMBAT CONCEPTS, INC.*** Tampa, FL

Co-founder and Instructor of this Martial Arts school, providing effective instructional courses in variety of combat martial arts. Progressive Combat Concepts transformed into Russian Combat Academy, Inc.

Dec. 2001- Present

***UNIVERSITY OF MAINE- PUBLIC POLICING INSTITUTE.*** Augusta, ME

Lecturing and instructing to officials of Federal, State and local law enforcement, Military and Intelligence communities on subject of Operational counter-terrorism and wide range of topics. Events are conducted by Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice around the US.

Sept. 1999- Dec. 2002

***SECURCORP TACTICAL RESPONSE, INC.*** Woodbridge, VA

Lead and trained protective details tasked with providing personal protection to executives of Fortune 500 companies. In addition, developed and implemented training for crowd control operations for company's tactical response teams.

Mar. 1996- Sept. 1999

***PERSONAL PROTECTION/PHYSICAL SECURITY SPECIALIST***

On contractual basis and in various capacities provided specific services to a number of established and reputable private security companies and their clients.

May 1992- Jul. 1993

***PERSONAL PROTECTION/PHYSICAL SECURITY SPECIALIST*** Kaunas, Lithuania

Provided personal protection services to prominent businessman in high threat level environment while extensively traveling throughout Russia, Europe and Middle East. Prepared and trained groups of professionals for high threat level protection work.

1988-1991

***USSR MILITARY- MVD (MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS) SPECIAL PURPOSE UNIT***

As operator in special purpose unit (Spetsnaz) in USSR MVD received extensive specialized training in small unit special tactics, urban and mountainous terrain warfare, crowd/ riot control, small arms (domestic and foreign), demolitions, survival in hostile environment and armed/unarmed CQB. Extensive training on subject of physical security of top level military nuclear installations and specialized instructor course on subject of terrorism and anti-terrorism. Participated in several special operations.

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

Combat/ Martial Arts and defensive tactics:

- Certified Russian System Instructor (V. Vasiliev).
- Certified Kun Tao Instructor (G.L. Savelli).
- Combat Sambo Instructor (USSR MVD).
- Extensive training in Penjak Silat Serak (V. deThouars), Kuntao-Silat (W. deThouars), Filipino and Mixed Martial Arts.

Personal Protection/ Physical Security:

- Certified Personal Protection specialist (Executive Protection Institute).
- Certified impact weapons Instructor- Trainer.
- Red Cross CPR certified.
- Defensive/ counter- terrorist driving course (BSR School).

Firearms/Tactics:

- Extensive knowledge and training with most Soviet/Russian small arms.
- Small unit tactics and unconventional warfare.
- Warfare in urban environment.
- Warfare in mountainous terrain.
- Advanced tactics in Crowd/riot control.
- Advanced demolitions and IED.

Other training:

- Multi- lingual (English, Russian, Lithuanian). Verbally communicates in most Slavic languages.
- Electronic surveillance/ counter-surveillance measures.